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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT EVALUATION OF SINGING GROUPS

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THE MAN AND WIFE TEAM OPERATING EDUCATIONAL TOUR CONSULTANTS APPROACHED USIS MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO TO DESCRIBE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH SCHOOL BANDS AND CHORALE GROUPS. WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE SENDING ABOUT SIX GROUPS TO JAMAICA, BUT THEY WOULD THEMSELVES HANDLE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR PERFORMANCES.

IN FACT, WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING EIGHT TO TEN GROUPS PER YEAR AND WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO BECOME INVOLVED ON MANY OCCASIONS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL TRIPS TO OUTLYING TOWNS TO ASSIST THEM.

IN ONE CASE A RATHER UNHELPFUL LETTER WAS SENT TO THE MAYOR OF MONTEGO BAY BY THE HEAD OF THE GROUP COMPLAINING THAT THE FACILITIES WERE POORLY PREPARED AND INADEQUATE. WHILE THERE WAS REASON FOR COMPLAINT, THE LETTER MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE ANY COOPERATION IN THE FUTURE FOR SUCH PERFORMANCES IN THAT CITY

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WE BELIEVE NASSAU SHOULD PLEAD SHORTAGE OF STAFF,

LACK OF USIS PERSONNEL AND INUNDATION WITH OTHER  
VISITING AMERICANS IN REGRETTING ITS ABILITY TO BE OF  
ASSISTANCE

WHILE SOME GROUPS HAVE COME TO JAMAICA WITHOUT OUR  
KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE NO RECORD OF AN APPEARANCE BY THE  
GROUP DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. JOHNSON

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